Officers opted for the Kerala State

* 139-C *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many (1) Indian Administrative Service Officers, (2) Indian Police Service Officers, and (3) Judicial Officers, in the Madras State have opted for Kerala State Services; and

(*b*) whether the Government have given any assurance that those officers who opted for Kerala would be sent to that State without detriment to their service conditions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) This does not arise as no right of option has been conceded to officers in their allocation.

(*b*) The conditions of service of officers allotted to Kerala State consequent on the re-organization of the States will be subject to the provisions contained in the States Re-organization Bill and also by the general policy that may be laid down by the Government of India. The attention of the hon. Member is invited in this connexion to the proviso to sub-clause (7) of clause 116 of the Draft States Re-organization Bill. The question of giving a separate assurance by this Government in such cases does not therefore arise.

Retrenched workers of Commonwealth Tile Factory, Feroke

* 139-D *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the 10 a.m.
Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any petition in January 1955 from 8 retrenched workers of the Commonwealth Tile Factory, Feroke, regarding the grant of retrenchment benefits to them; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Action will be taken after the writ petitions filed in the High Court by the management of Commonwealth Trust, Limited, against orders of recovery issued by Government in two similar cases are disposed.

Hydrogenation factory at Kozhikode

* 139-E *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have issued orders recently for dismantling the hydrogenation plant from the Government Hydrogenation factory at Kozhikode?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.